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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***

Chair of the Vermont Telecommunications Relay Service (VTRS) Advisory Council is currently open.

**WHAT:** VTRS Advisory Council Position Openings

**WHEN:** January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**WHO:** Vermont Public Service Department (PSD), VTRS Advisory Council

**Montpelier, Vermont** – The position of Chair for the Vermont Telecommunications Relay Service, (VTRS), Advisory Council is currently open, along with one member position. These positions are volunteer roles. The VTRS Advisory Council Chair and members fulfill duties as outlined in [30 V.S.A. § 218a](#), and receive an annual stipend. While there are no formal requirements for the Chair or member positions, individuals with the following qualifications and experience are encouraged to apply:

- 1) You must be a Vermont resident
- 2) Knowledge and experience with Telecommunications Relay Services
- 3) Be familiar with or use of one or more of the Relay Services outlined in 30 V.S.A. § 218a, which is linked in the comments.
- 4) An advocate on behalf of individuals who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, have speech limitations, or experience physical disabilities that affect their ability to use standard telephone or communication equipment.

PSD encourages applicants and interested parties to attend the VTRS Advisory Council meeting on **January 22, 2025**. Applicants will have the opportunity to learn more about the position and the important work of the VTRS Advisory Council. Applicants will also have the chance to ask questions directly to current council members.

Questions about the VTRS Advisory Council Chair can be emailed to [PSD.telecom@vermont.gov](mailto:PSD.telecom@vermont.gov), or written to PSD 112, State St. Montpelier, VT 05620. You can find more information at [Telecommunications Relay Service | Department of Public Service](#)